

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
JOINT ECDCE COMMITTEE AND
ORDINANCE COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 6, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Eneida Martinez, Co-Chair; Jack O. Banta, Co-Chair; Enrique Torres, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Co-Chair; José Casco, Lydia Martinez, Co-Chair; (6:34 p.m.)

OTHERS: Deborah Thomas-Sims, NRZ Office Director; Ms. Audrey Barr, Reservoir NRZ President; Stephen Nelson, 135 District Leader; Steven Ferreira, Doris Nelson

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member E. Martinez called the public hearing to order at 6:32 p.m. A quorum was present. Council Member E. Martinez opened the public hearing and read the legal notice.

1.) Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend to add new Chapter 8.99 Reservoir Neighborhood Revitalization Zone. [185-13 (A)]

Council Member E. Martinez asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak in favor of the proposed amendment.

Ms. Thomas-Sims came forward to address the Commissioners and stated that she was present in favor of the amendment. She then introduced Ms. Audrey Barr, the President of the NRZ and requested the other NRZ members present to come forward. There were seven members of the NRZ present for the hearing.

Ms. Barr requested that the Council approve the NRZ and listed her reasons for this.

Council Member Lydia Martinez joined the hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Council Member E. Martinez asked if there was anyone else present who wished to address the Committee at this time.

Mr. Stephen Nelson, the 135 District Leader, came forward and requested there be 100% full support for the 135th District.

Council Member E. Martinez asked if there was anyone else present who wished to address the Committee at this time.

Mr. Steven Ferreira, a Bridgeport school teacher and member of the NRZ, came forward to express his support of the proposed amendment.

An NRZ member came forward and said that the NRZ plan has been in the process for a long time and it was time to move it forward.

Ms. Doris Nelson, an NRZ member, came forward and agreed with the previous speaker that it was time to move the project forward.

Another NRZ member came forward and said that this amendment was for the children and for the neighborhood.

Council Member E. Martinez asked if there was anyone else present who wished to speak in opposition at this time. Hearing none. Council Member E. Martinez closed the hearing on the Proposed Amendment to the Municipal Code of Ordinances, amend to add new Chapter 8.99 Reservoir Neighborhood Revitalization Zone.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BANTA MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER L. MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO ADJOURN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The public hearing adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. L. Soltes
Telesco Secretarial Services